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Tēnā koe Mike

Thank you for your request of 7 October 2024 to Fire and Emergency New Zealand, requesting information relating to our leased white fleet programme. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) and our response is below.

1. Given Fire and Emergency's current financial uncertainty regarding funding has FENZ assessed its white fleet lease program?

Fire and Emergency regularly reviews our lease fleet with our lease fleet provider.

2. How many white fleet vehicles are over on their leased mileage and/or age, will FENZ have to pay penalties to the lease company for these breaches, and has FENZ taken into account lower resale from these vehicles into their leased program?

Currently we have 72 vehicles which are past their lease expiry date and over the lease mileage, and 13 vehicles which are past their lease expiry date but not over their lease mileage. There are 18 vehicles over their lease mileage but not past their lease expiry date. While we usually aim to renegotiate leases within the planned timeframes, this is not always possible, and these numbers are temporarily higher than usual. There are no material impacts on operations or safety because of this backlog.

Generally, Fire and Emergency works with the lease company to extend leases, change the lease mileage, or return the vehicles, so that we are getting the best vehicles to meet our needs.

3. Does FENZ have plans to replace its White Fleet with Hybrid/EV technology?

Fire and Emergency is following a government directive to acquire vehicles with the lowest emissions that meet operational requirements. You can find more information about the directive here: www.procurement.govt.nz/guides/broader-outcomes/reducing-emissions-and-waste/reducing-government-fleet-emissions/.

We are working through confirming the operational requirements for each vehicle user. Once complete, we will acquire vehicles which meet those requirements, and these are likely to be hybrid or electric vehicles in many cases.

We trust that the information provided is of assistance. If you require further information, please email officialinformationrequests@fireandemergency.nz.

Please note that because of the identified public interest in the information that you have requested, we intend to publish this response (with your personal details removed) on our website.

Nāku noa, nā

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